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1. EMBASSY REQUEST DELIVER FOLLOWING RESPONSE TO GOB
APRIL 17 NOTE IMMEDIATELY:

" EMBASSY HAS BEEN REQUESTED TO TRANSMIT THE FOLLOWING VIEWS
OF THE CIVIL AERONAUTICS BOARD WITH REGARD TO THE AMEND-
MENTS OF THE PAN AMERICAN FARE PROPOSALS WHICH THE ATLA OF
BARBADOS HAS PROPOSED IN A LETTER TO PANAM:

" THE CIVIL AERONAUTICS BOARD HAS REVIEWED THE BARBADOS
ATLA MARCH 30, 1973, LETTER TO PANAM NOTING ITS ACTION
WITH RESPECT TO FARES. THE FARES IN ISSUE WERE FILED WITH
THE BOARD IN AN IATA AGREEMENT AND APPROVED ON APRIL 18.

" THERE ARE FOUR VARIANCES IN THE RESPECTIVE GOVERNMENTS
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APPROVAL OF THE PROPOSED FARES. OUR VIEWS ON EACH OF THESE DIFFERENCES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

" THE BOARD SUPPORTS THE CARRIER' S PROPOSAL TO LIMIT STOP-OVERS TO TWO IN ADDITION TO THE POINT OF TURN- AROUND ON ECONOMY EXCURSION FARES. THE PROVISION OF FREE STOPOVERS AT FARES ESTABLISHED FOR DIRECT SERVICE UNNECESSARILY DILUTES CARRIER' S YIELD BECAUSE OF THE CIRCUITY INVOLVED

AND, AS A RESULT, REQUIRES HIGHER POINT- TO- POINT FARES THAN WOULD OTHERWISE BE THE CASE. THUS THE BOARD HAS BEEN OF THE VIEW THAT PASSENGERS SHOULD PAY FOR THE EXTRA STOPOVER SERVICE AND IT BELIEVES THAT THE CURRENT PROPOSAL IS AN IMPORTANT STEP IN THAT DIRECTION. ACCORDINGLY, THE BARBADIAN CONDITION WOULD NOT BE ACCEPTABLE TO THE BOARD.

" THE ATLA ALSO WOULD REDUCE VARIOUS REQUIREMENTS ON THE ADVANCE PURCHASE GROUP FARES WITH RESPECT TO MINIMUM GROUP SIZE AND MINIMUM PERIODS FOR DOCUMENTATION, PAYMENT, AND TICKETING. THE BOARD BELIEVES THAT THESE DEPARTURES FROM THE RULES WHICH WILL OTHERWISE PREVAIL IN THE CARIBBEAN AREA WILL CAUSE CONSIDERABLE CONFUSION. THE BOARD BELIEVES THAT THE CONDITIONS PROPOSED BY THE CARRIERS ARE APPROPRIATE IN VIEW OF THE LOW LEVEL OF THESE FARES AND ALTHOUGH SOMEWHAT DIFFERENT CONDITIONS MIGHT BE ACCEPTABLE, WE BELIEVE THAT UNIFORMITY IS IMPORTANT TO THEIR SUCCESS.

" AS TO THE SEASONAL APPLICABILITY OF THE INTRA- CARIBBEAN GROUP EXCURSION FARES AND THE RULES GOVERNING INTRA-CARIBBEAN YOUTH FARES, THE BOARD HAS DISCLAIMED JURISDICTION WITH RESPECT TO THESE FARES BECAUSE THEY DO NOT AFFECT AIR TRANSPORTATION WITH THE MEANING OF THE FEDERAL AVIATION ACT AND, ACCORDINGLY THE BOARD HAS NO PARTICULAR VIEW WITH RESPECT TO THESE ISSUES.

" IN SUMMARY, THE BARBADIAN POSITION WITH RESPECT TO ECONOMY EXCURSION FARE STOPOVERS WOULD NOT BE ACCEPTABLE TO THE BOARD. THE BOARD WOULD HOPE THAT THE NEW ADVANCE PURCHASE GROUP FARES EXPERIMENT COULD PROCEED ON A CON-LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SISTENT BASIS THROUGHOUT THE AREA AND THAT THE CONFUSION OF DIFFERENT RULES COULD BE AVOIDED." ROGERS

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